Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patricia Gross has dedicated the past 40 years to serving the health needs of Lake County residents; and,

Whereas, Pat worked at the Madison Community Hospital for 13 of those years as a nurse in a variety of areas including the ER, obstetrics, medical/surgery and supervision; and,

Whereas, Pat helped initiate the Women's, Infant's and Children's Program (WIC) when it began in Madison in 1980 and became the full-time Lake County Community Health Nurse (CHN) for the South Dakota Department of Health in 1984; and,

Whereas, In her 23 years as a CHN, Pat has worked in homecare, family planning, WIC, immunizations, school health and prenatal classes; and,

Whereas, Pat is actively involved in a wide variety of community activities, including the Board of Directors for the Lake/Kingsbury Red Cross Association, PEO, Lake County Immunization Coalition, Mentoring Moms, Lions Club, Senior Companion Program, ECCO Board of Directors, Child Protection Team, Lake County Aging Alliance and the local Republican Party; and,

Whereas, Pat is an active member of the United Methodist Church and volunteers for the "Caring Fund" to help people with medical expenses and has gone on several medical mission trips to Jamaica and Haiti; and,

Whereas, Pat's experience and dedication to delivering community health services are impressive and will be greatly missed; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and colleagues in the Department of Health in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State